

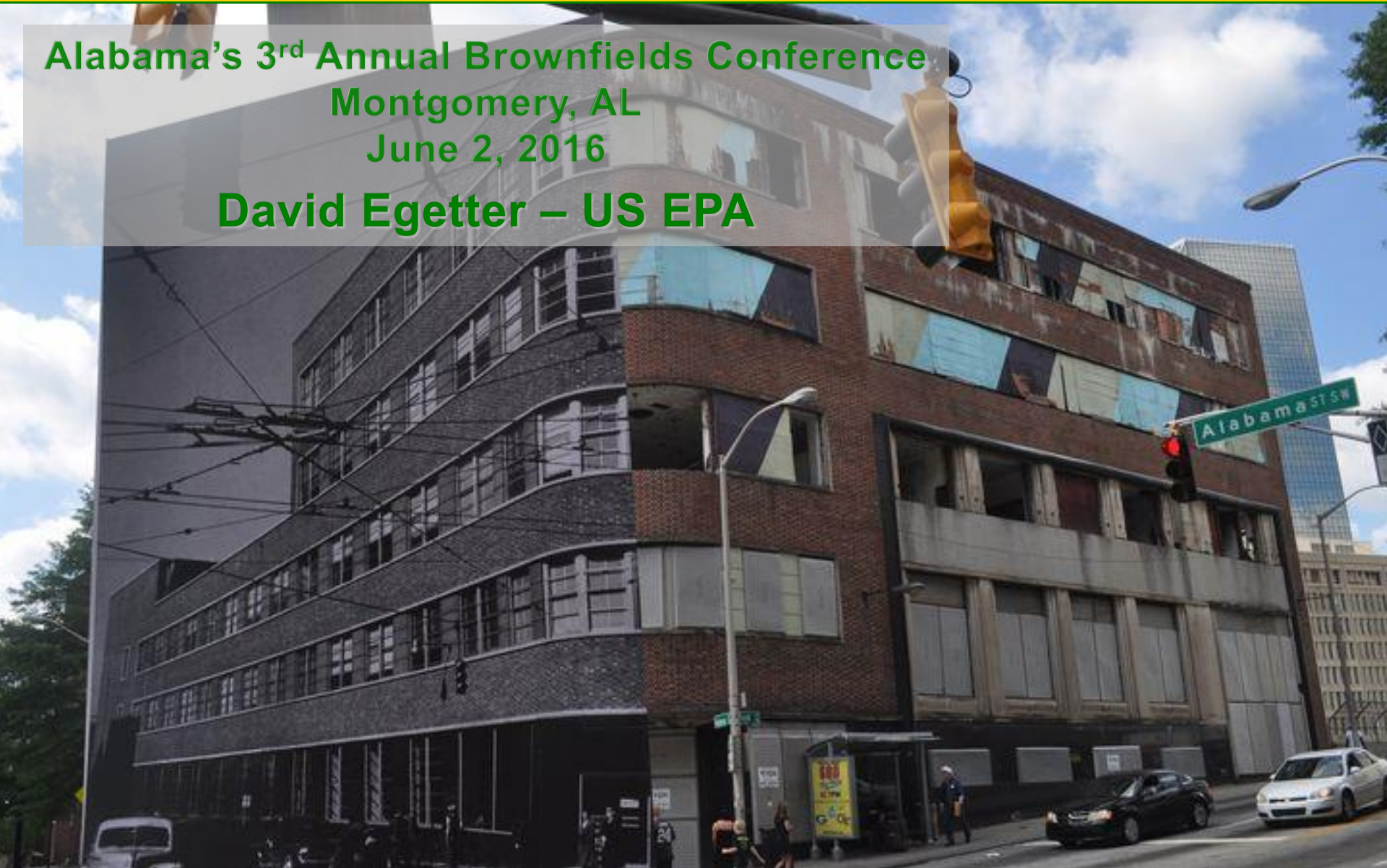


EPA's Brownfields Grant Program

Alabama's 3rd Annual Brownfields Conference
Montgomery, AL

June 2, 2016

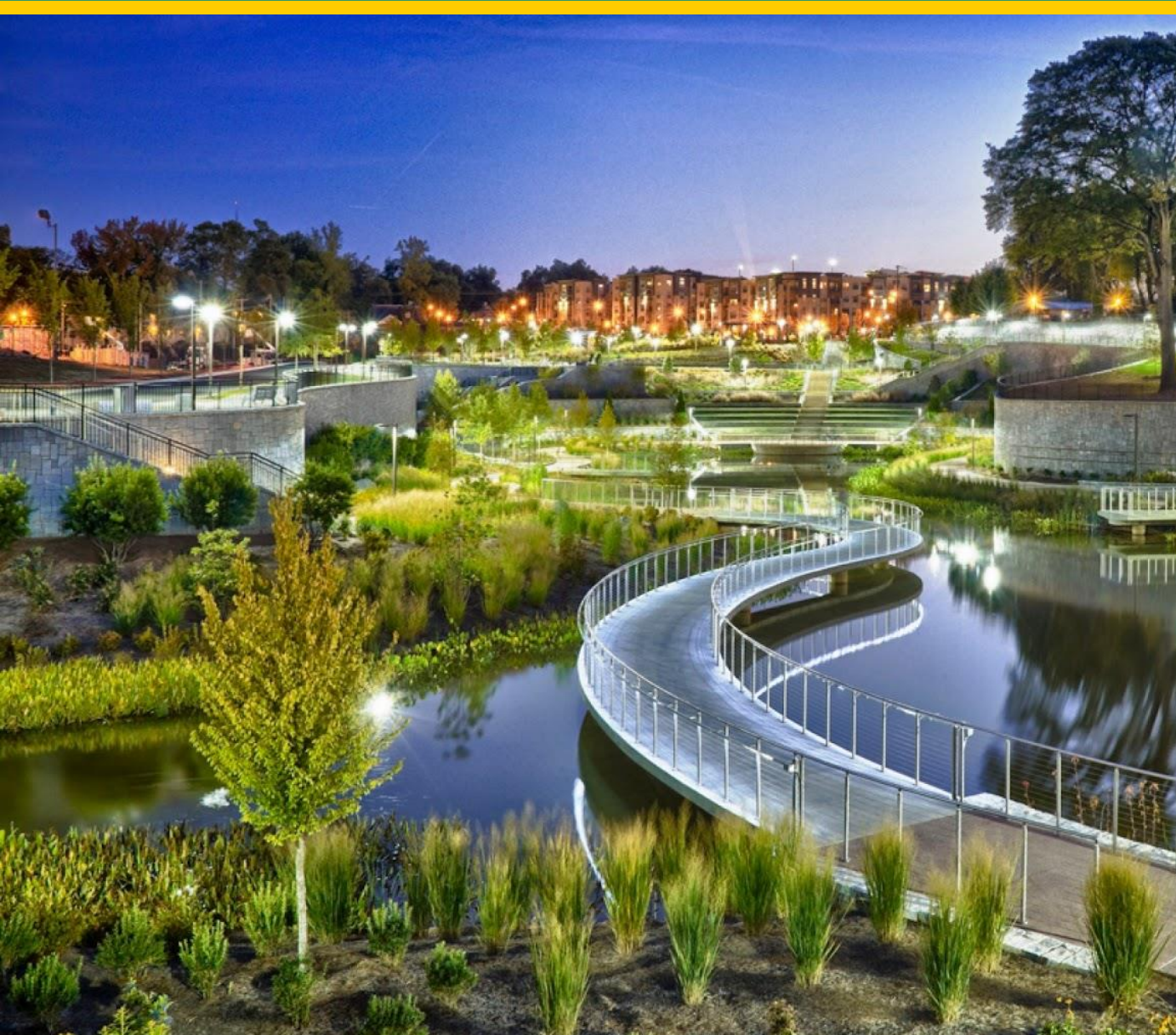
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EPA's Brownfields Investment **2016**

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1995

23,932

992

5.1% - 12.8%

\$21B

108,924



Brownfields Grant Types

- **A**ssessments
- **R**evolving Loan Funds (RLFs)
- **C**leanups
- Environmental Workforce Development and **J**ob **T**raining (separate call for proposals)
- **A**rea **W**ide **P**lanning
(separate call for proposals)

Also Available:

- **T**argeted **B**rownfields **A**ssessments
(not a grant)
- ADEM's RLF and 128(a) Assessments





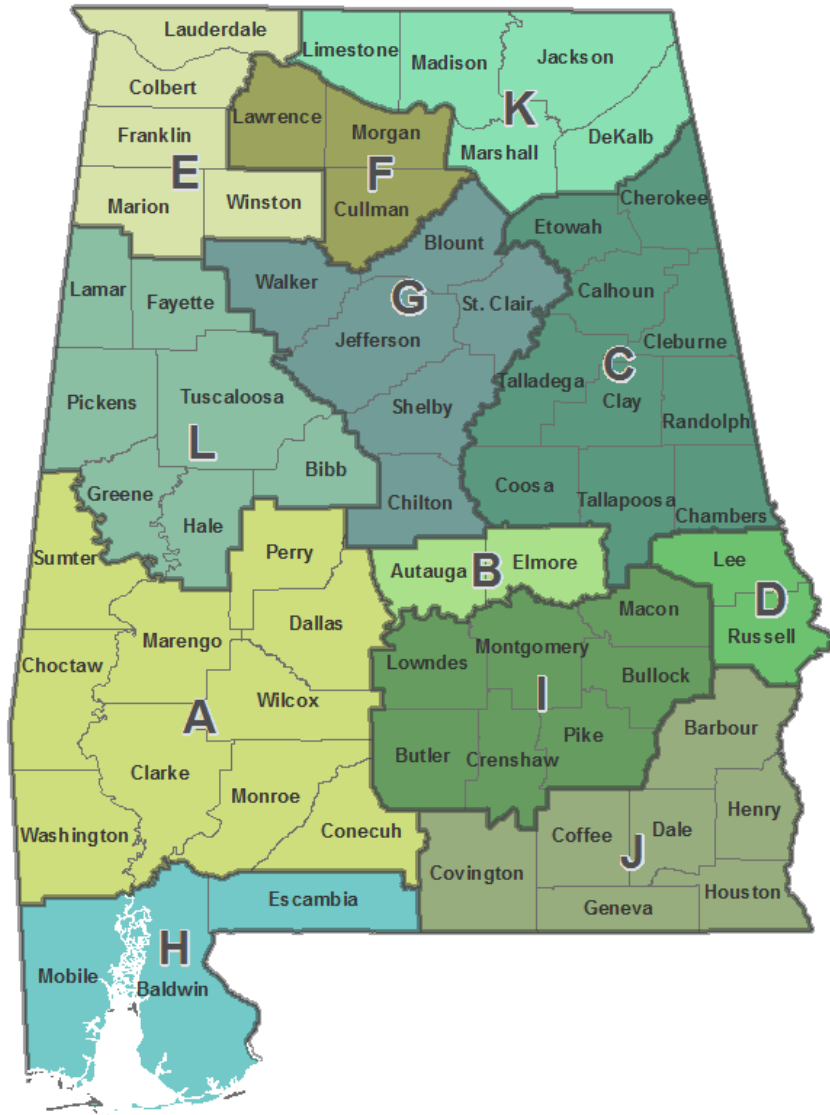
Who Can Apply?

- Local Governments
- Land Clearance Authorities/Quasi-Governmental Entities Under Local Governmental Control
- State Legislated Government Entities
- **Regional Councils of Government or Group of Local Governments**
- Redevelopment Agency (State Chartered/Sanctioned)
- States
- Tribes
- Nonprofits (Cleanup & Job Training Only)



Regional Planning Councils

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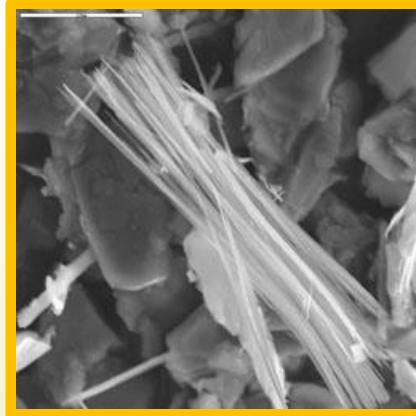
- A. Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission
- B. Central Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
- C. East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
- D. Lee-Russell Council of Governments
- E. Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments
- F. North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments
- G. Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
- H. South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
- I. South Central Alabama Regional Planning Commission
- J. Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
- K. Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments
- L. West Alabama Regional Commission

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What can be addressed?



- Hazardous Substances
- Petroleum Contamination
- Asbestos & Lead Based Paint are eligible
- Controlled Substances (e.g., Meth labs)
- Mine-Scarred Lands
- Other environmental contaminants



Assessment Grant Program

To inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to brownfields sites.

- **Community-wide**
- **Site-specific (single site)**
- **Assessment Coalition Grants**





Assessment Applicant Options

An applicant applying for an assessment grant can do the following combinations:

- up to 3 grant proposals (2 community-wide not to exceed \$400k and 1 site-specific not to exceed \$350k)
OR
- 1 grant as part of a coalition not to exceed \$600 K if not applying for individual assessment funds

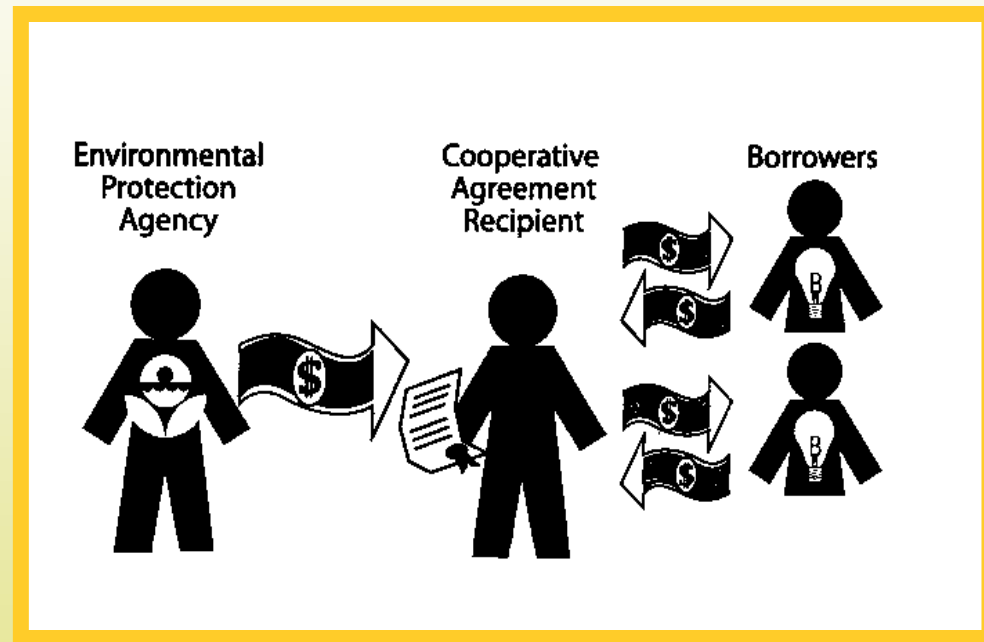
Community Wide	Site Specific	Coalitions
Up to \$200,000 for hazardous substances <i>and</i> \$200,000 for petroleum addressing the same community.	Up to \$200,000 for petroleum or hazardous substances (comingled)	Up to \$600,000 per coalition. <i>Coalition Members can NOT apply for individual assessment funding.</i>
	May request a waiver for up to \$350,000	
Maximum Combined Amount \$400,000	Maximum Amount \$350,000	Maximum Amount \$600,000



Revolving Loan Fund Grant Program

To make low interest loans to carry out cleanup activities at brownfields properties

- Up to \$1M per eligible entity
- Coalitions may apply
- (Minimum) 50% loans
- (Maximum) 50% cleanup subgrants (**may request a waiver post-award**)
- Cost share requirement of 20%
- Nonprofit organizations are not eligible to apply





Cleanup Grant Program

To carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites

- Up to \$200K per property (parceling is an option)
- **Must own site at time of application**
- Hazardous substances or petroleum contamination
- May apply for up to 3 properties: Separate proposals for each property
- Non-profits may apply
- Cost share requirement of 20% (May request a hardship waiver)
- Phase II must be completed (Threshold Criteria)
- **Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) must be included**





Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training

- To provide full-time, sustainable employment in various aspects of hazardous and solid waste management
- Targets unemployed and underemployed individuals
- 3 Year Grants
- \$200,000





2016 Competition Awards

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State	Assessment	RLF	Cleanup	Total
AL	1		1	2
FL	3		2	5
GA		1		1
KY	3			3
MS	4			4
NC	2		2	4
SC	3	1	1	5
TN			3	3

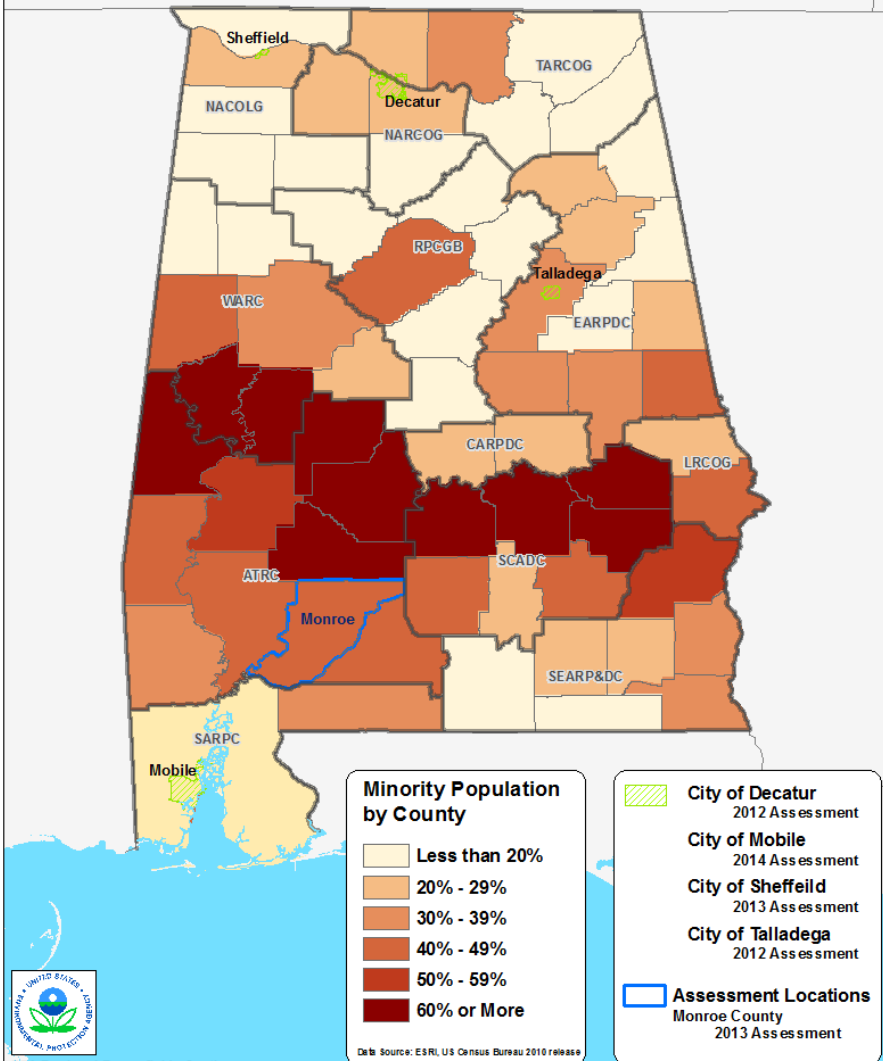


Minority Population and County Poverty...

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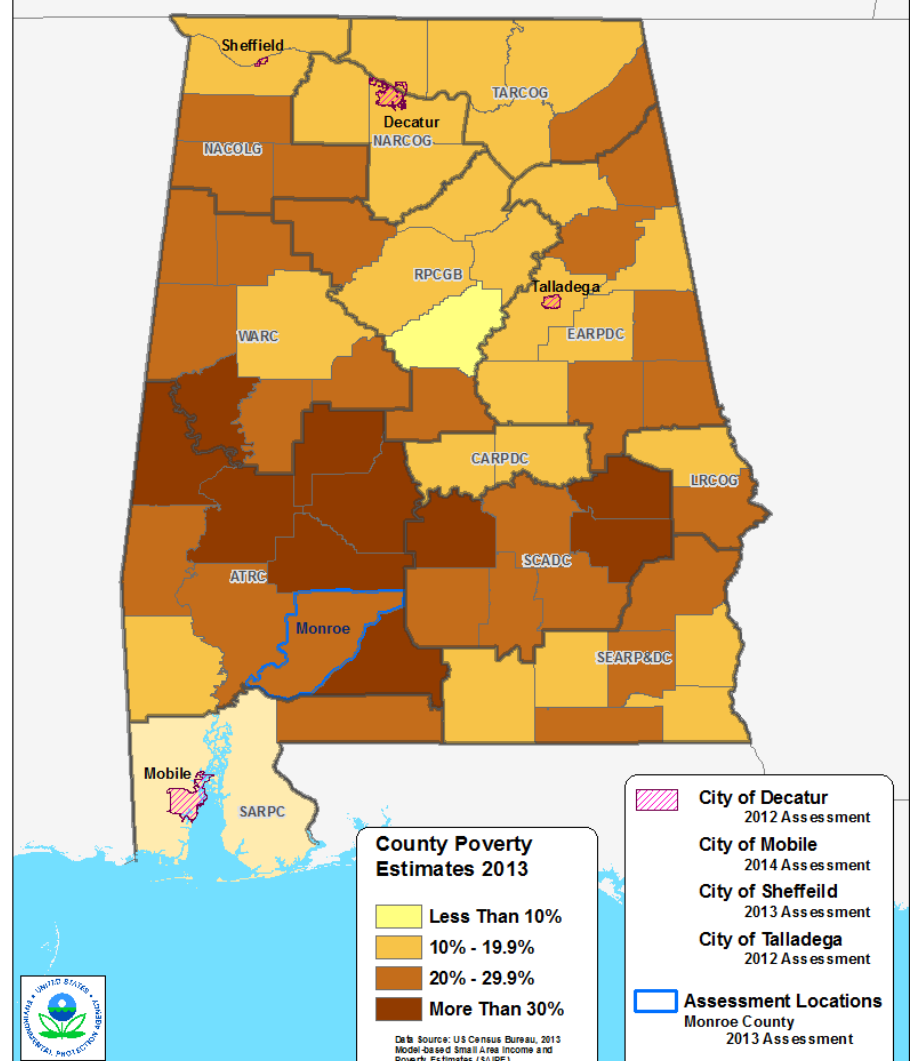
Brownfields Grants for 2012-2014
Percent Minority by County

Alabama



Brownfields Grants for 2012-2014
Percent Poverty Estimates by County

Alabama





Brownfields Competitive Grant Program

EPA Brownfields ARC grants are **extremely** competitive. Applicants should be prepared to put time and effort into constructing a winning proposal.

Deadline for 2017 Proposals is Fall/Winter 2016



We're looking for grantees who want to create a long-term community Brownfields program.



Preparing to Apply

Good proposals begin with applicants who are well positioned for success.

Some things to think about before you apply:

Who will oversee your grant?

Do you have a vision for your community?

Have you involved your community?

Do you have political support?

Can you get access to properties you want to assess?



Eligibility

Call us!

- Applicants and Sites are screened for eligibility
- EPA is available to assist you with eligibility questions
- Don't buy a contaminated or perceived to be contaminated property without first conducting a Phase I ESA!



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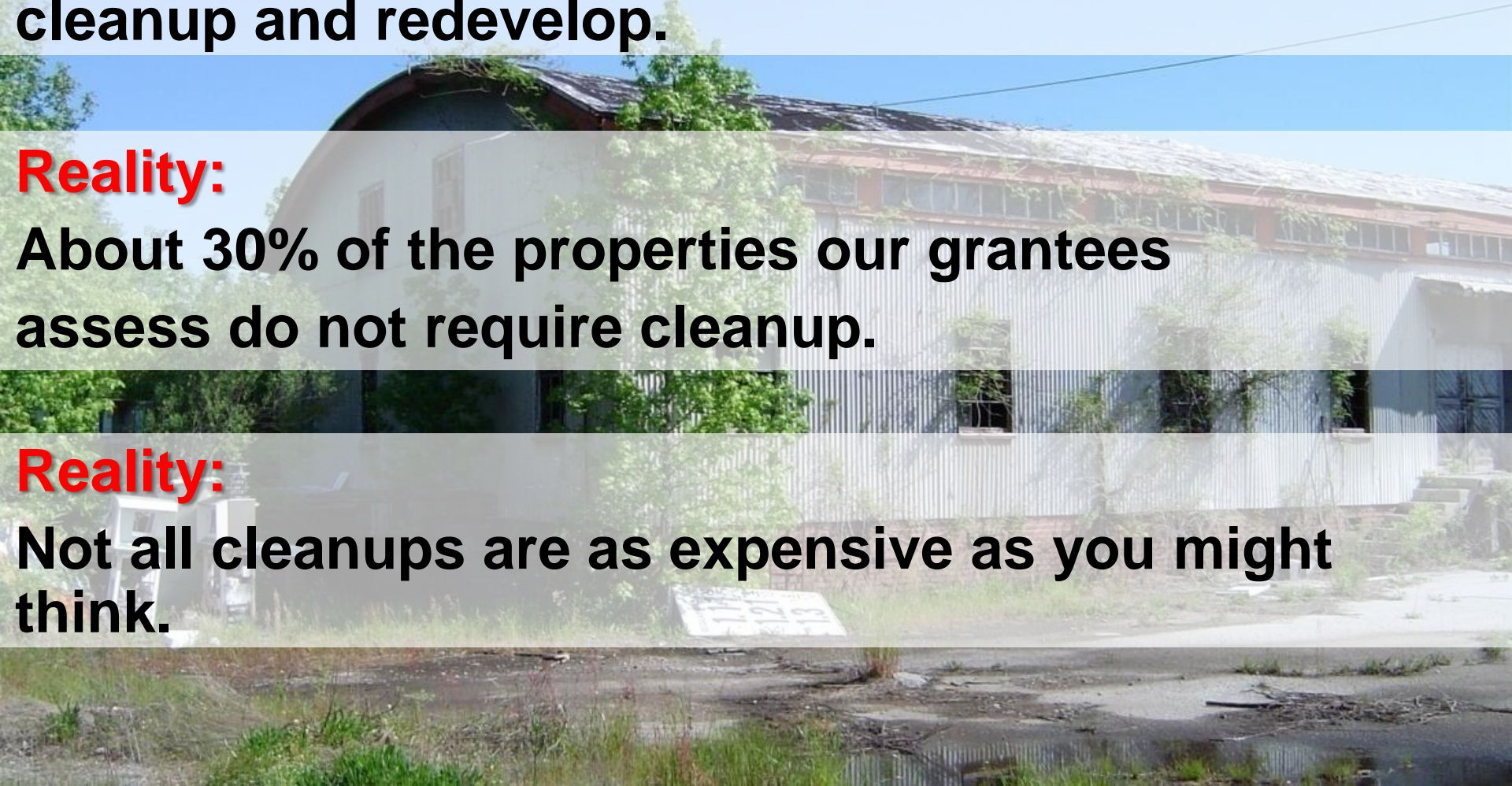
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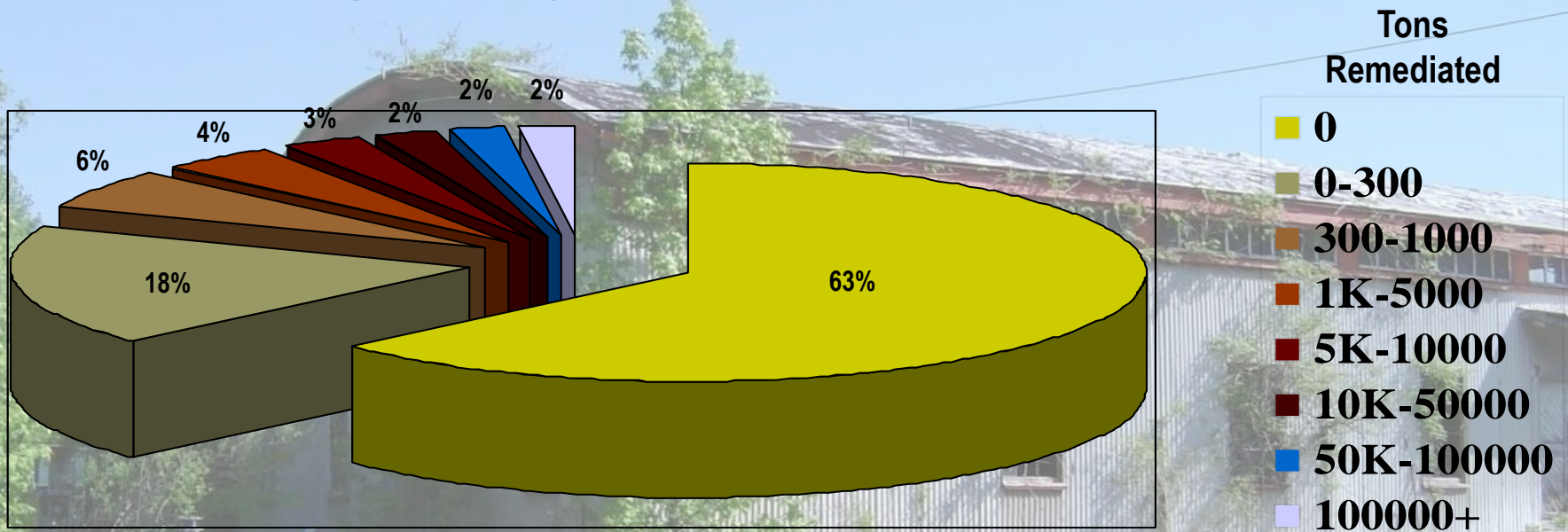
Not all cleanups are as expensive as you might think.





Perception vs. Reality

How Big is a Typical Soil Cleanup?



Source: Georgia Department of Natural Resources



Get Creative!

- Charettes, Visions, and Plans should address brownfields
- Involve Communities
- Open forums
- TAB / K6 Grantees – CDFA and Groundworks

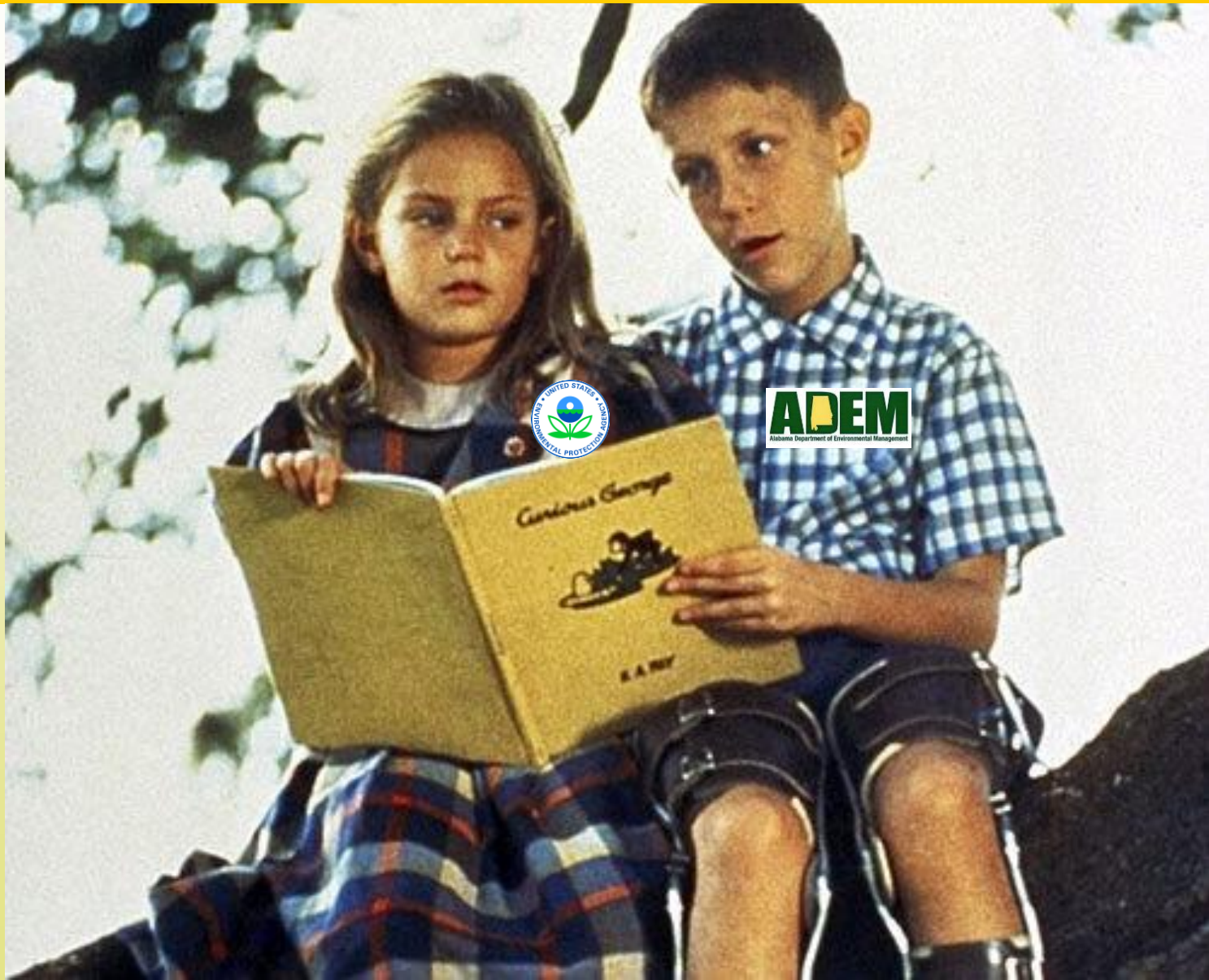






ADEM & EPA “Like Peas and Carrots...”

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- Low interest loans (~2%, Ten-year Fixed) for the cleanup of contaminated Brownfields sites
- Available to local governments only
- Brownfields State Revolving Loan Fund Application (ADEM Form 543)
- Currently Loan Funding is Available.

Assessment Activities

- By request from a public entity (i.e. local municipalities, public universities), a limited number of Phase 1 & 2 Brownfields Assessments are conducted annually.
- There is no cost to the requester for these services.

Voluntary Cleanup Program

- The state voluntary cleanup program, managed by ADEM, allows for the assessment and remediation of contaminated sites and grants certain liability protections, including protection from third party lawsuits, to those non-responsible entities wishing to redevelop brownfields sites.
- There is a nominal fee to enroll eligible sites in the program.

Brownfields Tax Abatements

- Designed to be used by local governments as an incentive for redevelopment of Brownfields sites
- Local approval is required; a variety of non-educational fund taxes are eligible for abatement.
- Alabama Department of Revenue is responsible for tracking.
- To be eligible, the site must be enrolled in the Department's VCP & have an approved cleanup plan.



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